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EXPAND ROLLER BEARING PRODUCTION

Production of roller bearings is given highest priority in the East German machine-construction field. Roller bearing plants in Ronneburg and Boehlitz-Ehrenberg and the NKF plant in Berlin will be greatly expanded. Production is to reach 8 million roller bearings annually. The Bergmann-Borsig Plant in Berlin-Wilmersruh, which is being reconstructed, employs 2,000 workers at present.

An engineer from Leipzig, A. M. Weber, has constructed a new coal-dust generator for automotive engines. The generator has passed a number of satisfactory tests. Weber claims that the new generator will equal the performance of high-grade gasoline engines.

The first heavy bridge crane for the Rostock harbor installation has been completed by the Plauen Steel Mill and is being shipped to its destination. The crane is 30 meters long and weighs 55,000 tons. Construction of another heavy bridge crane is under way.

The Hennigsdorf Locomotive Construction and Electrical Plant (LEW) will start production of streetcar motors for the first time. In addition, its production program calls for shovel dredgers, tip carts, rail-shifting machines,

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and large generators. Locomotives construction will be expanded in 1951, to include 100-ton electric clearing locomotives for 3,000 volts direct current. In addition, electric-arc furnaces for steel mills, resistance welding machines, electric carts, and vehicles powered with electric batteries will be produced.

Almost 1,000 apprentices will be trained to become experts in this plant. Work on the training building is to be completed by the end of 1950.

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